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REPORT

for the year 1955

BY

**The Principal
School Medical Officer**



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Health Visitors and School Nurses: 105.

Dental Nurses and Attendants: 25.

Clerk-Attendants: 12.

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INTRODUCTION.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Education Committee.*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Schools Health Service dealing with the activities of the service during the year 1955.

It has been necessary to replace three Medical Officers since the date of my last Annual Report. Dr. O'Neill returned to general practice, Dr. Cant, after having given most valuable and conscientious service unfortunately found it necessary to retire for reasons of ill-health and Dr. Dean left the district. I would particularly wish to express my appreciation of the work of Dr. Cant, whose work in relation to the care of mothers and young children as well as school children has been outstanding. All the three resultant vacancies have been filled.

Problems concerned with the mental health of pupils continue to receive the especial care of the Schools Health Service. It will be noted that it was found possible for an increased number of school children to receive treatment at the Child Guidance clinics established by the Regional Hospital Boards but the bulk of the psychiatric work is performed by the Senior School Medical Officer. Unfortunately, the number of pupils waiting for investigation has more than doubled during the year. Realising that the prevention of mental ill-health is not a problem which is confined to school children, the County Health Committee decided to appoint a Senior Assistant Medical Officer in the Maternity and Child Welfare Section of the Department whose work will largely deal with mental and behaviour problems in young children and their parents and will be performed through the Child Welfare Centres. Three school medical officers have attended post-graduate courses in child psychiatry during the year but undoubtedly more time needs to be spent in the investigation of mental problems than at present; even with the combined efforts of the Senior School Medical Officer and the existing Child Guidance Centres more children are referred for advice and treatment than can be dealt with satisfactorily, and as the Probation Officers are increasingly realizing the benefits to be derived from this branch of the Schools Health Service the difficulties are more likely to increase than otherwise.

It is expected that the two new County residential schools for educationally sub-normal children will shortly be opened which will enable the existing special school at the Mary Dendy Hospital to be closed.

The numbers of periodic inspections of pupils increased by 1,756 over the previous year and an additional 301 were found to require treatment.

A private day and boarding school asked if the pupils attending could receive the attention of the Schools Health Service; this request was granted at a small charge.

Although some difficulty was experienced initially in making satisfactory appointments, the experimental team of a physiotherapist and occupational therapist working under the direction of the County Paediatrician in connexion with spastic children has now commenced its activities after special "in post" training. The first job has been to acquaint the Health Visitors with the methods of early recognition of spasticity and clinics are being established at Macclesfield, Crewe and Northwich. It is hoped to set up an additional clinic at Cheadle in the near future.

The staff of Dental Surgeons has been increased by the equivalent of $1\frac{1}{2}$ full-time Dental Surgeons since the date of the last Annual Report. In the same period an additional dental clinic has been equipped. It is a measure of the esteem in which the School Dental Service is held that notwithstanding the facilities granted for children requiring dental treatment to go to their private dental surgeon, the acceptance rate was 70 per cent. over the whole county, 79 per cent. of children attending county schools were dentally inspected.

With the exception of one full-time and one half-time school nurses, all school nurses are health visitors. With the increasing activities added to the work of health visitors it has not been possible to maintain the full range of school nurses' work throughout the county, in a number of places minor ailment clinics have been discontinued and cleanliness inspections curtailed. A further number of selected health visitors attended courses at Manchester University Department of Education of the Deaf in the methods of early recognition of deafness in young children.

One of the most valuable developments during the year has been the establishment of monthly case conferences attended by the consultant paediatricians at Clatterbridge and Chester Hospitals, the

Deputy Principal School Medical Officer, and the County Children's Officer at which the environmental problems of children receiving hospital treatment are discussed and the means of ameliorating them determined.

The statistics of the general condition of pupils inspected continue to show improvement.

I wish to tender my grateful thanks to the Head Teachers and their staffs for their co-operation during the year. The work of School Medical Inspection could not proceed without their help and in addition they willingly provide facilities for B.C.G. and poliomyelitis vaccination.

I acknowledge with gratitude the help and co-operation which I have invariably received from the members of the Education Committee, the Director of Education, the County Architect and all the staff of the Schools Health Service.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

ARNOLD BROWN,

Principal School Medical Officer.

July, 1956.

General Statistics

The Administrative County of Cheshire comprised 42 County Districts, namely 10 Municipal Boroughs, 22 Urban Districts and 10 Rural Districts.

The population estimated by the Registrar-General at mid-1955 was 840,200.

The total number of Schools in the educational area at 31/12/55 with their enrolments, was as follows:—

Primary	461	83,151
Secondary (Grammar)	19	11,308
Secondary (Modern)	63	22,206

At the end of 1955, there were 90,472 children receiving school milk, and 59,775 receiving school meals.

One school was closed by the Principal School Medical Officer in 1955 on account of infectious disease.

The School Dental Service in 1955.

Mr. H. R. Parry, Principal School Dental Officer reports:—

Staff equivalent to 22 full-time Dental Officers.

The normal routine dental inspection and treatment of school children has been carried out in all but three areas in the county during the year.

In these three areas a Dental Officer was in attendance for at least 3 sessions per week but owing to the large number of children in each area, could only carry out the more essential work.

In the remaining areas approximately 70% have been treated each 12 to 15 months and the remaining 30% each 15 to 20 months.

Of the 91,000 children inspected, 50,000 were found to require treatment, 48,500 were referred for treatment, and 34,000 actually treated. 44,000 extractions (including 10,000 permanent teeth) and 44,500 fillings (including 4,500 in temporary teeth) were completed.

The work carried out during the year is very satisfactory in all respects. With one additional Dental Officer, approximately 2,000 more teeth were extracted and 2,000 more fillings inserted than in the previous year, 1954, and once again we have completed more fillings than extractions.

Of the 48,500 children referred for treatment 70% accepted and were actually treated by the School Dental Officer and it is interesting to note that of the remaining 30%, 19% were treated by their own Dental Surgeon (11% received no treatment at all).

8,000 appointments were made for children to attend for treatment during the school holidays, and 5,000 (or 62%) were kept. In the first 10 days over 80% of the appointments were kept but in the third and fourth weeks less than 10%.

500 children made over 2,000 visits for orthodontic treatment, (regulating of teeth), and 220 cases were completed during the year.

One new Dental Clinic was opened in 1955, making a total of 37 fully electrically equipped Dental Clinics in the county.

We should like to thank all the head teachers who gave us their most generous support and co-operation during the year; such support is very much appreciated.

School Buildings

The following major works were completed or in progress during 1955. In addition to these works a large number of minor works of alterations, additions and improvements were carried out as well as the normal maintenance work to schools throughout the County:

New Schools completed and occupied

Alsager Secondary School.

Cheadle Grammar School

Cheadle Ladybridge County Primary School

Dukinfield Grammar School

Hazel Grove Secondary School

Extensions to existing schools completed

Gatley Hawthorn Road Primary School

Rudheath Secondary School

Sale Springfield Road Primary School (Stage II)

New Schools in course of erection

Ellesmere Port Stanney Secondary School

Grappenhall Hall Special School

Hartford Secondary School

Lymm Grammar School

Mid-Cheshire Technical College

North-Cheshire Technical College

Northwich Girls' Grammar School

Runcorn Secondary School

Sale East Primary School

Weaverham Secondary School

Extensions to existing schools in progress

Macclesfield Girls' Grammar School
Northwich Sir John Deane's Grammar School
Sale Springfield Primary School (Stage III)
Sale Urban Road Primary School
Wirral Boys' Grammar School

SPECIAL SERVICES REPORTS

Ear, Nose and Throat Service.

(from Mr. E. Innes).

In the E.N.T. Branch there is little to report for 1955.

The length of waiting time for tonsil and adenoid operation continues to decrease, and would have done so even more if there had not been stoppages because of poliomyelitis in the vicinity.

The addition of Congleton Memorial Hospital as an operating centre, which occurred about two years ago, has proved very gratifying. It is much easier to get to than Macclesfield for many of the clinic regions.

A determined effort has been made to clear off cases in the Dukinfield, Hyde and Stalybridge areas. Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the waiting list at the Ashton Hospital, cases had been waiting a very long time for admission to hospital. Though it might appear uneconomic to bring cases from this region to Macclesfield, I think it has been well worth while, because of the improvement in health which has been brought about.

There is nothing of note to report in the other branches of the Specialty.

ATTENDANCES AT E.N.T. CLINICS, 1955

Alsager	.....	76	Hazel Grove	.....	16
Altrincham	.....	4	Macclesfield	.....	40
Bollington	.....	—	Middlewich	.....	12
Cheadle	.....	61	Northwich	.....	107
Congleton	.....	38	Poynton	.....	28
Crewe	.....	132	Sandbach	.....	153
Dukinfield	.....	89	Winsford	.....	45
Ellesmere Port	.....	125			

Ophthalmic Service

(from Dr. A. Holmes-Smith).

The work of the School Ophthalmic Service has progressed steadily along the lines described in the reports of the past few years. In the greater part of the County the work is undertaken by Ophthalmologists

who are attached to the neighbouring Hospital Service, and this has led to the proper co-ordination of both School and Hospital Services—most important in those cases requiring further investigation, admission for treatment or operation or ancillary treatment by orthoptics. A further advantage is gained where the pupil-patient's own doctor is informed of the results of the examination, and the patient is, on leaving school, referred to the Hospital, continuity of treatment and advice thus being attained.

The School Ophthalmic Service is available to both children of school age and those of 1–5 years who may be referred from the Infant Welfare Centres or by their own doctor. The value of including the latter group is, perhaps, indicated in the Ministry of Health's last report upon *The Causes of Blindness in England*, where Professor Sorsby states:—

“The burden of blindness as it affects the young is largely a problem of congenital and hereditary affections—these are of special importance because they bear on life in its formative and active years.” Conditions such as congenital cataract are seen in the clinics in those children referred from the Welfare Centres on account of suspected defect of vision and early treatment is thus made available.

In connection with the 1–5 year-old group it should be stressed that the examination of suspected cases of defective vision is valuable even if no defect is found in some patients; the parent is re-assured to find that a suspected trouble is absent and this is of itself a useful and appreciated service. The Report of the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Education for 1952-53 draws attention to the existence of 3.5% undetected gross ophthalmic abnormality found when school entrants were ophthalmically examined on entrance. These pupils are likely to be amongst those seen in the pre-school age group if such suspected cases are encouraged to attend the clinics—a procedure made easy by the Health Visitor system. Furthermore those familial conditions such as long and short-sight, lazy eye and squint can be seen early if enquiry into family history is made when school children are examined, their younger brothers and sisters being called for pre-school examination if suspicious histories are obtained.

It is my own practice to see all younger children in a family where the school age patient is found to have a squint, amblyopia or large refractive error, glasses being prescribed for those members having considerable refractive errors, and worn constantly until it is shewn that the patient has adequate vision in either eye. There is no doubt that a pupil starting school with defective vision is handicapped scholastically and that there is a real risk that his defect may be considered to be due to either lack of interest or general backwardness before it is referred for ophthalmic examination or comes up via the routine Medical Examination: meanwhile valuable educational opportunity is lost.

In connection with the younger child the Orthoptic Departments render valuable service apart from the treatment of squint in that they are able to assess visual acuity by special methods at an age when the assessment by the normal test chart is not practicable.

May I conclude with an acknowledgement of the continuing valuable assistance which the Health Visitors render to the clinics of the School Ophthalmic Service.

ATTENDANCES AT EYE CLINICS, 1955.

Alsager	146	Macclesfield	905
Bollington	103	Marple	126
Bredbury	106	Middlewich	108
Cheadle	160	Nantwich	416
Cheadle Hulme	61	Neston	142
Congleton	227	New Ferry	984
Disley	13	Northwich	972
Dukinfield	453	Poynton	47
Ellesmere Port	708	Runcorn	566
Frodsham	203	Sale	457
Hale	446	Sandbach	643
Hazel Grove	170	Stalybridge	419
Heswall	296	Stockton Heath	149
Hoole	174	Tarporley	95
Hoylake	315	Weaverham	167
Hyde	356	Wilmslow	135
Knutsford	92	Winsford	296
Lymm	184		

Paediatric Service

(from Dr. J. D. Allan).

The County Paediatric Service has been continued on the basis of three clinics per month, that is, two in Crewe and one in Northwich, plus one ward round of the School Medical Officers. The latter alternates between Stockport and Macclesfield and is well attended and appreciated by the School Medical Officers. It also has the advantage of promoting liaison between the Hospital and School Medical Service and quite often valuable discussion on various subjects ensues, or matters affecting individual cases are clarified.

The clinics in Crewe and Northwich are well attended and the General Practitioners in both places make good use of the service provided.

I welcome the envisaged arrangements in respect of treatment and control of the spastic child. I feel that increased provision should be made for the education of the sub-normal child, and increased provision is desirable for convalescence for the child under two years.

Cases requiring hospital admission are generally accommodated with very little delay at Macclesfield.

The local hospitals both in Crewe and Northwich co-operate fully in the ancillary investigations necessary after consultation, and, as a result of this, there has been less need for transport, for such investigations, to Macclesfield, thus relieving in some slight way the present strain on the Ambulance Service.

ATTENDANCES AT PAEDIATRIC CLINICS, 1955.

Crewe, Ludford Street	38	Northwich, Darland House	55
Crewe, Stalbridge Road	53		

Orthopaedic Service

The orthopaedic service is the financial responsibility of Regional Hospital Boards under the National Health Service Act. The County Council has been able to arrange for the existing clinics—the longest established of the specialist services—to continue unaltered, the specialist surgeons and the physiotherapists attending as before. The methods of ascertainment remain the same, children being referred to the surgeons by private doctors, or (with the approval of the private doctor) by School Medical Officers after medical inspection at schools or minor ailment clinics.

ATTENDANCES AT ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS, 1955

Dukinfield	1529	Runcorn	1068
Ellesmere Port	602	Sale	183
Hyde	938	Stalybridge	1436
New Ferry	450	Stockton Heath	667
Northwich	605		

Children attending for sunlight treatment are the responsibility of the local authority unless referred for it by the specialist. The following were the attendances during 1955 by school children at the clinics specified:—

Dukinfield	1195
Hyde	1029
New Ferry	568
Sale	524
Stalybridge	1389

Psychiatric Service.

(from Dr. H. Craig).

During the year 1955 the School Health Service has continued to meet the requests for psychiatric help from parents, teachers, doctors and hospitals. There has been an increase in the demand from all sources and the results may be stated to be satisfactory.

At the time of writing there are 84 cases on the books undergoing treatment or supervision, and those waiting to be seen number 55. 26 boys have been examined and reports made to the Magistrates of Juvenile Courts sitting in the County area. One interesting feature of this aspect of the Service, is that the Probation Officers throughout the County are increasingly asking for advice in the handling of children—boys and girls—who have been placed on probation. The following classification gives some indication of the types of problems dealt with:—

- (1) Behaviour problems:—truancy 10, stealing 22, difficult behaviour 18.
- (2) Psychosomatic—enuresis 8, asthma 1, migraine 1.
- (3) Educational—backwardness 10, school difficulties 5, suitability for grammar school and boarding school education 7, word blindness 2.
- (4) Personality disorders—fears and nervousness 12, sex difficulties 8, aggression and cruelty 6, others 4.
- (5) Others—early psychosis 3, suitability for adoption 2, mental depression 5.

Once again I would take this opportunity of expressing my grateful thanks for the interest and co-operation shown by the teaching and School Health staffs.

Torpenhow Open-Air School

The school is situated on the hill at Frankby overlooking the estuary of the River Dee.

There is accommodation for 78 pupils suffering from malnutrition, general debility and chest conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, and bronchiectasis. In addition, children who are contacts of cases of open pulmonary tuberculosis are segregated from the source of infection by being admitted to the school. School children of both sexes within the age range of 7-11 years are admitted.

Children suitable for admission are selected by the School Medical Officers at medical inspections and enter Torpenhow Open-Air School initially for a period of six months, this being renewed if found to be necessary. Pupils remain at Torpenhow throughout the year, with the exception of the month of August, and attend the school during the normal school term. During the school holidays a number of recreational activities such as walks, picnics, games and visits to places of interest are organised.

During the year 144 children were admitted and 146 were discharged. They were classified according to their various disabilities as follows:—

				<i>Admissions</i>		<i>Discharges</i>	
				<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
General Debility	.....	.....		42	45	41	48
Asthma	.....	.....	.....	11	10	14	5
Bronchitis	.....	.....	.....	10	12	11	9
Bronchiectasis	.....	.....	.....	4	4	6	4
Tuberculosis contacts	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	2
Eczema and Asthma	.....	.....	.....	2	1	3	1
				71	73	77	69

Mary Dendy School

At this school 102 places are provided for educationally subnormal children, generally speaking within the I.Q. range of 55-75. Children accommodated in three boarding houses, two for boys and one for girls, attend daily for lessons at the special school.

Children requiring admission are selected by the School Medical Officers at medical inspections. They can be admitted at any time during school life, but are rarely suitable before the age of seven years. Children usually remain at the school until the age of sixteen years, the normal school leaving age for handicapped pupils. All cases are reviewed from time to time, those found to be ineducable are excluded, some are re-admitted to ordinary school.

The Mary Dendy School can, of course, take only a small proportion of the educationally subnormal children in the County, and therefore priority of admission is given to those, who are either suffering from the effects of adverse home conditions, deprived of a normal home life, or are actual or potential delinquents.

The greatest problem encountered at this school is to make suitable arrangements for children after leaving. The very reasons mentioned above for admission invariably constitute good cause for further close supervision after leaving school—often preferably in an institution. The shortage of accommodation in such institutions has often necessitated educationally subnormal children being returned to unsuitable homes at a time in their lives when they are particularly prone to emotional instability. The Regional Hospital Boards, which are responsible for providing institutional accommodation for mentally defective persons, are aware of these difficulties and are making every effort to remedy the deficiencies.

During the year under review the numbers admitted to and discharged from the school were:—

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
On Roll 31.12.54	67	32	99
Admitted during year	12	11	23
Discharged during year	14	7	21
On Roll 31.12.55	65	36	101

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Numbers Attending Special Schools, 1955.

BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED			Boys	Girls	Total
Birkenhead, Sight Saving Classes			2	—	2
Chorley Wood, College for Blind			—	1	1
Kingswinford, Sunshine House			1	—	1
Liverpool, Catholic Blind School			3	2	5
Liverpool, Wavertree School for the Blind			8	3	11
Old Trafford, Henshaw's Institution for the Blind			1	2	3
Preston, Fulwood School for the Partially Sighted			6	3	9
Shrewsbury, Condover Hall			—	1	1
Southport, Sunshine Homes			1	—	1
Wellington, Overley Hall Sunshine Home			1	—	1
DEAF AND PARTIALLY DEAF					
Boston Spa, St. John's R.C. Institution			—	1	1
Burton-on-Trent, Leedwood School for the Partially Deaf			—	3	3
Liverpool, Oxford Street School for Deaf			2	—	2
Manchester, Royal Residential School for the Deaf			33	34	67
Newbury, Little Abbey School			1	—	1
Newbury, Mary Hare Grammar School			—	1	1
Oxford, St. Edward's School			1	—	1
Preston, Royal Cross School for the Deaf			1	—	1
Southport, Liverpool School for Partially Deaf			8	6	14
Stoke-on-Trent, North Staffordshire Deaf School			1	—	1
EDUCATIONALLY SUB-NORMAL					
Aberdeen, Camphill (Rudolf Steiner) School			1	1	2
Alderley Edge, Mary Dendy School			65	36	101
Bolton, Crowthorn School			1	—	1
Bristol, The Hatch (Rudolf Steiner)			1	—	1
Liverpool, Allerton Priory R.C. School			—	3	3
Ripon, Spring Hill School			1	—	1
Totnes, St. Thomas More's School			1	—	1
Wallasey, Claremont Day School			1	—	1
Wellesbourne, Staple Hill School			1	—	1
Whaley Bridge, Taxal Lodge School			1	—	1
EPILEPTIC					
Alderley Edge, Colthurst House			4	3	7
Lingfield, School for Epileptics			1	2	3
Liverpool, Maghull House			2	1	3
MALADJUSTED					
Aberdeen, Camphill (Rudolf Steiner) School			1	—	1
Harmer Hill, Shotton Hall School			4	—	4
Reigate, Salmons Cross School			1	—	1
Thelwall, Chaigley School			1	—	1

DELICATE AND VARIOUS

	Boys	Girls	Total
Ashton-under-Lyne, General Hospital	—	1	1
Bebington, Clatterbridge Hospital	88	170	258
Broadstairs, Yarrow Home	1	—	1
Davyhulme, Park Hospital	2	—	2
Frankby, Torpenhow Open-Air School	113	106	219
Hayling Island, St. Patrick's Open-Air School	—	1	1
Heswall, Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital	8	7	15
Leasowe, Leasowe Open-Air Hospital	2	3	5
Liverpool, Alder Hey Hospital School	1	2	3
Macclesfield, West Park Hospital	27	25	52
Manchester, Booth Hall Hospital	3	3	6
Manchester, Wythenshaw Hospital School	5	3	8
Pendlebury, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital	—	1	1
Salford, Hope Hospital	2	1	3
Southport, Convalescent Home	7	4	11
Stockport, Longfield Open-Air School	1	—	1
Thingwall, Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital	—	1	1
West Kirby, Children's Convalescent Home	—	2	2
Wigan, Wrightington Hospital School	1	—	1

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Crippled (non-tuberculous)

Ashton-under-Lyne, General Hospital	1	1	2
Bebington, Clatterbridge Hospital	11	19	30
Biddulph, Orthopaedic Hospital	8	6	14
Chailey, The Heritage Craft School	1	—	1
Harpden, Elmfield School	—	1	1
Hartshill, Orthopaedic Hospital	1	3	4
Heswall, Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital	4	1	5
Killinghall, Ian Tetley Hospital Home	—	1	1
Kirbymoorside, Welburn Hall School	—	1	1
Leasowe, Leasowe Open-Air Hospital	11	7	18
Liverpool, Alder Hey Hospital School	—	1	1
Liverpool, Children's Rest School of Recovery	1	1	2
Manchester, Bethesda Children's Home	3	—	3
Manchester, Booth Hall Hospital	—	3	3
Manchester, Wythenshaw Hospital School	2	1	3
Marple, Children's Orthopaedic Hospital	10	7	17
Mobberley, Margaret Barclay Special School	2	3	5
Oswestry, Orthopaedic Hospital	49	49	98
Southport, The Bradstock Lockett Hospital	1	1	2
West Didsbury, Lancasterian Special Day School	—	3	3
Wigan, Wrightington Hospital School	—	1	1

Heart

Ashton-under-Lyne, General Hospital	—	1	1
Bebington, Clatterbridge Hospital	3	3	6
Heswall, Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital	—	2	2
Macclesfield, West Park Hospital	4	3	7
Rainhill, St. Joseph's Heart Hospital School	1	1	2
Southport, Convalescent Home	1	—	1

<i>Tuberculous</i>	Boys	Girls	Total
Abergele Sanatorium	11	12	23
Ashton-under-Lyne, General Hospital	1	1	2
Bebington, Clatterbridge Hospital	13	17	30
Biddulph, Orthopaedic Hospital	—	1	1
Davyhulme, Park Hospital	1	—	1
Heswall, Cleaver Sanatorium	23	28	51
Heswall, Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital	—	4	4
Leasowe, Leasowe Open-Air Hospital	—	2	2
Liverpool, Alder Hey Hospital School	1	2	3
Macclesfield, West Park Hospital	—	2	2
Marple, Children's Orthopaedic Hospital	1	4	5
Oswestry, Orthopaedic Hospital	2	—	2
Weaverham, Hefferston Grange Sanatorium		38	38
Wigan, Wrightington Hospital School, Wigan	1	1	2

SPEECH

Oxted, Moor House School	—	1	1
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Resident in Boarding Homes and Attending Ordinary Schools, 1955

DIABETIC	Boys	Girls	Total
Frodsham, Fir Bank Home	3	1	4

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Rochdale, Duntersville Home	—	1	1
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MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Year ended 31st December, 1955

TABLE I

Medical Inspection of Pupils attending Maintained Primary and Secondary Schools

A.—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups—					
Entrants	—	—	—	—	12261
Second Age Group	—	—	—	—	11966
Third Age Group	—	—	—	—	7285
			Total	—	31512
Number of other Periodic Inspections				—	1262
				Grand Total	32774

B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	—	—	—	6646
Number of Re-Inspections	—	—	—	11304
		Total	—	17950
Number of Children Examined for Visual Acuity				13034

C.—PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT

Number of Individual Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require Treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin)

Group	For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded in Table IIA	Total individual pupils
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Entrants	185	2038	2257
Second Age Group	810	1241	1983
Third Age Group	576	686	1251
Total (prescribed groups)	1571	3965	5491
Other Periodic Inspections	61	127	175
Grand Total	1632	4092	5666

TABLE II

A.—RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION
IN THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1955

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease	Periodic Inspections		Special Inspections	
		No. of Defects		No. of Defects	
		Requiring treatment	Requiring to be kept under ob- servation but not requiring treatment	Requiring treatment	Requiring to be kept under ob- servation, but not requiring treatment
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4	Skin	452	364	66	53
5	Eyes—				
	(a) Vision	1632	1266	654	317
	(b) Squint	316	258	75	44
	(c) Other	175	120	22	12
6	Ears—				
	(a) Hearing	103	206	25	44
	(b) Otitis Media	69	92	13	9
	(c) Other	66	39	13	1
7	Nose or Throat	1531	2732	261	377
8	Speech	132	254	68	66
9	Cervical Glands	18	828	9	95
10	Heart and Circulation	70	347	21	68
11	Lungs	162	598	38	98
12	Developmental—				
	(a) Hernia	47	91	14	19
	(b) Other	46	220	17	16
13	Orthopaedic—				
	(a) Posture	254	412	37	52
	(b) Flat Foot	320	422	69	47
	(c) Other	240	430	66	53
14	Nervous System—				
	(a) Epilepsy	13	46	6	27
	(b) Other	27	76	8	8
15	Psychological—				
	(a) Development	112	203	17	152
	(b) Stability	19	109	8	50
16	Other—	407	311	105	73

**B.—CLASSIFICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION OF
PUPILS INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN AGE GROUPS**

Age Groups	No. of Pupils Inspected	A (Good)		B (Fair)		C (Poor)	
		No.	% of col. 2	No.	% of col. 2	No.	% of col. 2
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Entrants	12261	5302	43	6509	53	450	4
Second Age Group	11966	5813	49	5835	49	318	2
Third Age Group	7285	4171	57	2977	41	137	2
Other Periodic Inspections	1262	702	56	502	40	58	4
Total	32774	15988	49	15823	48	963	3

TABLE III
Infestation with Vermin

(i) Total number of examinations in the schools by the school nurses or other authorized persons —	309229
(ii) Total number of <i>individual</i> pupils found to be infested	4346
(iii) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2), Education Act, 1944) — — — — —	1469
(iv) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3), Education Act, 1944) — — — — —	143

TABLE IV.

**Treatment of Pupils attending Maintained
Primary and Secondary Schools.**

GROUP I.—DISEASES OF THE SKIN (excluding uncleanliness, for which see Table III).

	Number of cases treated or under treatment during the year.				
Ringworm— (i) Scalp	5
(ii) Body	18
Scabies	37
Impetigo	733
Other skin diseases	1045
Total	<u>1838</u>

GROUP II.—EYE DISEASES, DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT.

	Number of cases dealt with				
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	1556
Errors of Refraction (including squint)	9977
Total	<u>11533</u>
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were					
(a) Prescribed	3662
(b) Obtained	3488

GROUP III.—DISEASES AND DEFECTS OF EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

	Number of cases treated				
Received operative treatment					
(a) for diseases of the ear	12
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	580
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	12
Received other forms of treatment	1183
Total	<u>1787</u>

GROUP IV.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS.

(a) No. treated as in-patients in hospitals	.....	178
(b) No. treated otherwise, e.g., in clinics or out-patient departments	.....	1424

GROUP V.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT.

No. of pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinics	32
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GROUP VI—SPEECH THERAPY

Total number of sessions at Clinics	1721
No. of pupils referred for Speech Therapy	345
No. of pupils treated	579
Total attendances at Clinics	9241
No. of visits to Schools	361
No. of children examined at Schools	810
No. of visits to the homes of pupils	356

GROUP VII—OTHER TREATMENT GIVEN.

Miscellaneous Minor Ailments	11184
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TABLE V

Dental Inspection and Treatment

(1) Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers—				
(a)	Periodic Age groups	—	—	82213
(b)	Specials	—	—	8563
(c)	TOTAL (Periodic and Specials)	—	—	90776
(2)	Number found to require treatment	—	—	50041
(3)	Number referred for treatment	—	—	48540
(4)	Number actually treated	—	—	33837
(5)	Attendances made by pupils for treatment	—	—	54394
(6)	Half-days devoted to : (a) Inspection	—	—	743
	(b) Treatment	—	—	8246
	Total (a) and (b)	—	—	8989
(7)	Fillings	Permanent Teeth	—	39984
		Temporary Teeth	—	4541
	Total	—	—	44525
(8)	Number of teeth filled : Permanent Teeth	—	—	32263
	Temporary Teeth	—	—	3748
	Total	—	—	36011
(9)	Extractions :	Permanent Teeth	—	9784
		Temporary Teeth	—	34478
	Total	—	—	44262
(10)	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	—	—	9702
(11)	Other Operations :	(a) Permanent Teeth	—	5182
		(b) Temporary Teeth	—	1377
	Total (a) and (b)	—	—	6559

TABLE VI
Number of handicapped pupils examined in School

Defect	Number of	
	New Cases	Re-exams
Blind	2	3
Partially Sighted	21	25
Deaf	3	9
Partially Deaf	5	10
Delicate	58	258
Diabetic	8	20
E.S.N.	104	513
Epileptic	38	86
Maladjusted	4	8
Physically Handicapped	63	240
Speech Defect	34	85

TABLE VII

Medical Examinations at School Clinics	5629
Number of children examined for part-time employment	1185
Number of Special Reports completed on children examined at—	
Schools	147
School Clinics	386
Homes of Pupils	355
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LIST OF SCHOOL CLINICS

Clinic	Address	Type of Clinic	Day held
ALSAGER	15, Centre Court, Alsager.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	Mon. to Fri. a.m. 1st & 3rd Fri. (11 a.m.—12-15 p.m.) 2nd Mon. p.m. 1st Thurs. p.m.
ALTRINCHAM	12, The Mount, Altrincham. 145, Park Road, Timperley. 69 Station Bldgs, Altrincham.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Speech	Mon. a.m. 2nd and 4th Mon. a.m. Wed. a.m. 1st & 3rd Wed. a.m. Tues. and Fri. a.m. & p.m.
BARNTON	Methodist School Room, Runcorn Road, Barnton.	Minor Ailment	Wed. a.m.
BEBINGTON	Council Offices, Bromborough. 218, Bebington Road, Bebington. St. Mark's Parish Room, Grove Street, New Ferry.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Speech Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye	1st Tues. a.m. When required. Tues. a.m. & p.m. Wed. a.m. and p.m. Mon. to Fri. p.m. Wed. p.m. Fri. a.m.
BOLLINGTON	Wellington Rd., Bollington, Macclesfield.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	Tues. a.m. 1st Tues. a.m. Odd Mths. 1st Fri. a.m. 2nd Tues. p.m.
BREDBURY	Lower Bents Lane, Bredbury.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye	Thurs. a.m. 3rd Thurs. a.m. 2nd Thurs. a.m.
CHEADLE	Brookfield, Wilmslow Road, Cheadle.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye E.N.T. Speech	Mon. a.m. 1st Mon. a.m. 2nd & 3rd Thurs. p.m. Even Months 3rd Mon. p.m. Tues. p.m., Fri. a.m. & p.m.
CHEADLE HULME	Parish Hall, Church Road, Cheadle Hulme.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye	Wed. p.m. 4th Wed. p.m. 3rd or 4th Tues. p.m.
CONGLETON	Park Street, Congleton.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye Speech	Mon. a.m. Mon. a.m. Odd Mths. 4th Thurs. a.m. 2nd Wed. p.m. Tues. a.m. & p.m.

CREWE	201 Edleston Rd., Crewe.	Speech	Mon. & Wed. a.m. & p.m.
	Ludford Street, Crewe.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye Paediatric	Mon., Wed. & Fri. a.m. Mon. & Wed. a.m. 3rd Fri. a.m. Wed. a.m. 3rd Fri. p.m.
	Stalbridge Road, Crewe.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye Paediatric	Tues. a.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. a.m. As Required 1st Fri. p.m.
DUKINFIELD	King Street, Dukinfield.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	Mon. to Thurs. a.m. Fri. p.m. Tues. a.m. Fri. p.m. 4th Mon. p.m. 1st, 2nd & 4th Fri. p.m.
ELLESMERE PORT	York Road, Ellesmere Port.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	Mon. & Thurs. a.m. Thurs. a.m. Alt. Mon. a.m. Fri. a.m.
FRODSHAM	The Rock Clinic, High Street, Frodsham.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	As Required As Required Odd Mths. 3rd Thurs. a.m. 2nd Fri. a.m. 4th Thurs. a.m.
HALE	Lister House, 9 Broomfield Lane, Hale.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye	Mon. & Fri. p.m., Wed. a.m. 1st & 3rd Fri. p.m. Tues. a.m.
HAZEL GROVE	253, London Rd., Hazel Grove.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye Speech	Tues. a.m. 2nd Tues. a.m. Even Mths. 3rd Thurs. a.m. 1st & 4th Thurs. a.m. Mon. a.m.
HESWALL	Telegraph Road, Heswall.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye Speech	Tues. p.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. p.m. 2nd & 4th Fri. p.m. Fri. a.m. & p.m.
HOLLING- WORTH	Wedneshaugh Green, Hollingworth.	Minor Ailment	Tues. p.m.
HOOLE	55, Hoole Road, Hoole.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye Speech	2nd Wed. p.m. 2nd Wed. p.m. 1st Fri. p.m. Fri. a.m. & p.m.
HOYLAKE	Broomfield, Meols Drive, Hoylake.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye Speech	Fri. a.m. Fri. a.m. 1st & 3rd Fri. p.m. Mon. a.m. & p.m.

HYDE	Reform Club Buildings, Market Place, Hyde.	Minor Ailment	Mon., Wed. & Fri. a.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	Fri. a.m.
		Eye (Specialist)	1st Tues. a.m. 3rd. Fri. p.m.
KNUTSFORD	County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford.	Eye (D.M.O.)	2nd & 4th Tues. a.m.
		Speech	Wed., Thurs. a.m. & p.m.
		Minor Ailment	Wed. a.m.
LITTLE SUTTON	Chester Road, Little Sutton,	Doctor's Sessions	2nd & 4th Wed. a.m.
		Eye	3rd Thurs. p.m.
		Speech	Fri. a.m.
LYMM	29, Eagle Brow, Lymm.	Minor Ailment	Tues. a.m. & p.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	Wed. a.m. 2nd & 4th Wed. p.m.
		Eye	2nd & 4th Wed. p.m. 4th Thurs. p.m.
MACCLESFIELD	Sanders Square, Macclesfield, Pierce Street, Macclesfield.	Minor Ailment	Mon. & Thurs. a.m.
		Minor Ailment	Mon. & Thurs. p.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	Tues., Wed. & Fri. a.m.
	52, Bridge St., Macclesfield.	Tues. a.m. & Fri. a.m. (except 1st Fri.)	
		E.N.T.	1st Fri. a.m.
		Eye	1st Mon. p.m. 1st, 3rd & 4th Tues. p.m., 4th Thurs. a.m.
MALPAS	Jubilee Hall, Malpas.	Speech	Thurs. a.m. & p.m. & Fri. a.m.
		Minor Ailment	Thurs. p.m.
MARPLE	Parish Hall, Chadwick St., Marple.	Minor Ailment	Wed. a.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	2nd Wed. a.m.
		Eye	3rd Thurs. a.m.
MIDDLEWICH	The Priory, 85, Wheelock St., Middlewich.	Minor Ailment	Mon. a.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	2nd & 4th Mon. a.m.
		E.N.T.	Even Mths. 4th Thurs. a.m.
		Eye	3rd Tues. p.m. & 1st Tues. a.m.
NANTWICH	The Dowery, Barker Street, Nantwich.	Minor Ailment	Wed. a.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	4th Wed. a.m.
		Eye	2nd & 4th Thurs. a.m.
NESTON	Mellock Lane Neston.	Minor Ailment	Tues. a.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	1st & 3rd Tues. a.m.
		Eye	1st Wed. a.m.
		Speech	Thurs. a.m.
NORTHWICH	Parkfield, Middlewich Rd., Northwich.	Minor Ailment	Mon., Wed., Fri. & 1st Thurs. a.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	1st Thurs. a.m.
		E.N.T.	2nd Fri. a.m.
	Darland House, Winnington Hill, Northwich.	Eye	1st, 2nd & 3rd Thurs. a.m.
		Minor Ailment	Tues. a.m. Fri. p.m.
		Doctor's Sessions	2nd Fri. p.m.
		Paediatric	4th Mon. p.m.
		Speech	Mon. a.m. & p.m. Thurs. a.m.

POYNTON	Park Lane, Poynton.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	Tues. p.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. p.m. Even Mths. 3rd Wed. p.m. 2nd Thurs. p.m. even months.
ROMILEY	Leyfield Ave., Romiley.	Minor Ailment	Mon. p.m.
RUNCORN	28, Halton Road, Runcorn.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye Speech	Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. a.m. 2nd & 4th Fri. a.m. Tues. p.m. Mon. a.m. & p.m. Wed. p.m.
SALE	70, Chapel Road, Sale.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye Speech	Wed. a.m. Wed. a.m. Mon. a.m. Wed. a.m. & Thurs. p.m.
SANDBACH	Marriott House, Sandbach.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	Fri. a.m. 1st & 3rd Fri. a.m. (9-15 a.m. to 10-30 a.m.) 4th Fri. a.m. 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mon. p.m.
STALYBRIDGE	High Street, Stalybridge.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye	Mon., Wed. & Fri. a.m. Mon. a.m. 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tues. a.m.
STALYBRIDGE	Huddersfield Rd., Millbrook.	Minor Ailment	Mon. & Thurs. a.m.
STOCKTON HEATH	65 Whitefield Rd. Stockton Heath.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye Speech	Mon. to Fri. a.m. 2nd Thurs. a.m. if required 4th Tues. p.m. Thurs. a.m. & p.m.
TARPORLEY	Victory Hall, Tarporley.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye	Fri. a.m. 4th Fri. a.m. 4th Fri. p.m.
TATTENHALL	Barbour Institute, Tattenhall.	Minor Ailment	Wed. a.m.
WEAVERHAM	Church Lane, Weaverham.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions Eye	Fri. a.m. 1st & 3rd Fri. a.m. 3rd Fri. p.m.
WILMSLOW	3, Alma Lane, Wilmslow.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	Thurs. a.m. 1st Thurs. a.m. Even Mths. 4th Wed. p.m. 1st Tues. p.m.
WINSFORD	98, Weaver St., Winsford.	Minor Ailment Doctor's Sessions E.N.T. Eye	Mon. p.m. 2nd & 4th Mon. p.m. 2nd Wed. p.m. 1st & 3rd Thurs. a.m.

